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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application,

A Continuation-In-Part of Appl. No. 08/920,875, Filed August 29, 1997

Appl. No. To Be Assigned; Filed: February 23, 1998

For: Serum-Free Mammalian Cell Culture Medium, and Uses Thereof

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Our Ref: 0942.4110002/RWE/GER

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

Serum-Free Mammalian Cell Culture Medium, and Uses Thereof

and naming as inventors:

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the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
  - (i) 77 pages of description prior to the claims;

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- (ii) 25 pages of claims (claims 1-139);
- (iii) a one (1) page abstract;
- b. Fourteen (14) sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-4, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B, 9A, 9B, 10, 11, 12A, 12B, 13 and 14);
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The present application claims priority benefit of U.S. Provisional Appl. No. 60/022,881, filed August 30, 1996, U.S. Provisional Appl. No. 60/056,829, filed August 22, 1997, U.S. Non-provisional Appl. No. 08/920,875, filed August 29, 1997, and International Appl. No. PCT/US97/15926, filed September 2, 1997.

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